

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 847

By Kyle

A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend Calvin Burton,
Whitehaven Kiwanis Club President and
community leader.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Calvin Burton is one such estimable person who has served as the president of the Whitehaven Kiwanis Club and demonstrated leadership skills in his community which have garnered him recognition and renown; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Burton is a retired Desoto County School System educator, and he also ably served as a part-time reporter for the *Desoto County Tribune*; and

WHEREAS, he attended Mississippi Valley State University, from which he earned a bachelor's degree in industrial technology, and took graduate courses at the University of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, a leader in his community, Calvin Burton completed instructional courses through the Center for Neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, a civic-minded individual who leads by example, Mr. Burton is a member of the Memphis Police Department Citizen's Academy, is a Memphis Police Ambassador, is a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation Citizen's Academy, serves as the president and organizer of the Red Oaks Neighborhood Association, and is a volunteer for the National Civil Rights Museum; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, Mr. Burton chaired the highly successful Memphis Neighborfest; currently, he chairs the Whitehaven Partnership Committee and is a member of the Southwest Career and Technology Center's Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, Calvin Burton's remarkable success as a community leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense, and he was fittingly recognized with the Frank L. Ricketts Service Award and the Kiwanian of the Year Award from the Whitehaven organization; and

WHEREAS, the owner of Burton's Enterprises, Calvin Burton epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated community leader and public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Burton is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized at this time; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize and thank Calvin Burton for the extraordinary leadership he lends to his community, honor his work as a Kiwanian, congratulate him for the awards he has received, and extend our best wishes to him for success in his every future endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.